

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Chang et al. Confirmation No.: 6448  
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For : **DUAL FUNCTIONING EXCIPIENT FOR METAL CHELATE  
CONTRAST AGENTS**  
Art Unit : 1618  
Examiner : Dameron L. Jones

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This *Amendment and Response* is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006. A Response to the November 1, 2006 Office Action is due on February 1, 2007. Therefore, this *Amendment and Response* is timely filed.

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